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SUBJECT: SOVIET-CUBAN ECONOMIC COLLABORATION, 1976-1980

1. USINT OFFICER (GLASSMAN), OCTOBER 17, VISITED APPARENTLY PUBLIC EXHIBITION ON 1976-80 CUBAN-SOVIET ECONOMIC COLLABORATION ON PREMISES OF STATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC COLLABORATION (CECE). USINT OFFICER WAS ASKED TO LEAVE BUILDING AFTER COVERING SOME THREE-QUARTERS OF EXHIBITION ON GROUNDS THAT DISPLAY IS PURPORTEDLY ONLY FOR CECE EMPLOYEES. OPENING OF DISPLAY, HOWEVER, IS NOTED IN GRANMA, OCTOBER 17.

2. FOLLOWING SOVIET-SPONSORED PROJECTS WERE NOTED IN FIELDS OF CHEMICALS, METALLURGY, MINING, ENERGY, AND FORESTRY. COMMUNICATIONS, TRANSPORT, SUGAR INDUSTRY AND PERHAPS OTHER FIELDS COULD NOT BE COVERED.

3. CHEMICALS. CONSTRUCTION OF NEW FERTILIZER PLANT - NUEVITAS; RECONSTRUCTION AND MODERNIZATION OF EXISTING OIL REFINERIES; CONSTRUCTION OF NEW REFINERY (6 MILLION METRIC TON CAPACITY)- CIENFUEGOS; CONSTRUCTION OF GASO-METER (50 THOUSAND M.) FOR MARIANAO GAS PLANT; CONSTRUCTION OF FACTORY FOR MIXING OILS (ACEITES) AND USED OIL AND MANUFACTURE OF "PLASTIC" GREASES -
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SANTIAGO; SUPPLY OF TANKS FOR STORAGE OF FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND LIQUID GAS; EXPANSION OF UNIT FOR HYDROSULFURIZATION OF INTER-MEDIATE DISTILLATES AT HNOS. DIAZ REFINERY - SANTIAGO; CONSTRUCTION OF EXYGEN PLANTS AT HOLGUIN AND SANTA CLARA.

4. METALLURGY. COMPLETION OF FIRST PHASE OF MODERNIZATION OF JOSE MARTI STEEL PLANT WHICH HAS ALREADY "CONSIDERABLY INCREASED

PRODUCTION" OF STEEL AND ROLLED METAL; REALIZATION OF SECOND PHASE OF MODERNIZATION OF JOSE MARTI PLANT WHICH WILL PERMIT ANNUAL PRODUCTION OF 200 THOUSAND TONS OF STEEL AND 290 THOUSAND TONS OF ROLLED METAL (LAMINADO); RECONSTRUCTION AND EXPANSION OF FABRICA AGUILAR NORIEGA MACHINE (MECANICO) PLANT - CURRENT PRODUCTION OF WHICH IS TEN PERCENT OF TOTAL VOLUME OF CUBAN MACHINE PLANTS.

5. MINING. CONSTRUCTION OF PUNTA GORDA NICKEL PLANT; CONSTRUCTION OF MACHINE FACTORY AND SUPPORT BASE FOR PUNTA GORDA FACILITY; REHABILITATION AND EXPANSION OF NICARO AND MOA NICKEL FACILITIES; EXPLORATION AND GEOLOGICAL PROSPECTING FOR PETROLEUM AND SOLID MINERAL DEPOSITS WHICH HAS LED TO DISCOVERY OF NEW DEPOSITS AND IMPROVED LEVEL OF EXTRACTION AND RESERVES BUT "WITH LITTLE SIGNIFICANCE" FOR NATIONAL ECONOMY; NEW DEPOSITS, HOWEVER, HAVE BEEN FOUND THAT ALLOWED OPENING OF NEW CEMENT AND CRUSHED ROCK FACTORIES.

6. ENERGY. CONSTRUCTION OF FIRST PHASE OF 880 THOUSAND KILOWATT NUCLEAR POWER STATION; CONSTRUCTION OF NEW THERMOELECTRIC PLANTS; CONSTRUCTION OF LONG DISTANCE 220 AND 110 VOLT TRANSMISSION LINES; CONSTRUCTION OF REPAIR FACILITY FOR THERMOELECTRIC PLANTS AND TRANSFORMERS; RECONSTRUCTION OF EXISTING THERMOELECTRIC PLANTS; CREATION OF TECHNICAL CENTERS FOR PREPARING CUBAN SPECIALISTS; DEVELOPMENT OF A UNIFIED NATIONAL ELECTRIC ENERGY GRID.

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UM FORESTRY. MECHANIZATION OF FOREST WORK; ORDERING AND INVENTORYING WOODS AND FAUNA; FIRE PROTECTION STUDY; INDUSTRIAL MANUFACTURE OF "VEGETAL COAL" (PEAT?).

8. MISCELLANEOUS. A REFERENCE WAS NOTED TO SOVIET ASSISTANCE IN RECONSTRUCTING TWENTY-ONE SUGAR MILLS. ON DISPLAY WAS A MOCK-UP OF THE NUCLEAR POWER PLANT AND WHAT APPEARED TO BE A SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY FEATURING A LARGE DISH-SHAPED ANTENNA. A STATEMENT WAS NOTED TO EFFECT THAT SOVIETS HAVE REMODELED OR BUILT 150 CUBAN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES AND ARE CURRENTLY WORKING ON 200 INSTALLATIONS.

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